

REMARKS

Interview Summary:

On or about July 20, 2005, the Examiner, Ms. Quana Grainger, and the Applicant's representative, Mr. Tom Olson, took part in a telephone conversation. During the telephone conversation, Examiner Grainger indicated that she had just completed an Office action that was in the process of being mailed that day, and that in the Office action the drawings were objected to because the drawings did not depict multiple pressure rollers as claimed by the Applicant. Mr. Olson pointed out to Examiner Grainger that the Applicant's drawings do, in Figure 5, depict multiple pressure rollers, which are indicated by reference character 52. Examiner Grainger then agreed that the Applicant's drawings do depict multiple pressure rollers. Examiner Grainger indicated that she would attempt to recall the Office action before it was mailed in order to withdraw the objection to the drawings.

Previously Submitted After-Final Amendments:

The Applicant previously submitted after-final amendments in a "Response to Final Action" filed 05/18/2005. The Applicant notes no acknowledgement by the Office that these amendments have been entered and has been unsuccessful at attempting to view the transaction history on the PAIR system due to an apparent malfunction of the system.

However, the Applicant assumes the previously filed after-final amendments have been entered because the finality of the final rejection has been withdrawn and because the previous rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 (to which the previously filed after-final amendments were directed) is no longer maintained in the current Office action.

Objection to the Drawings:

The Examiner has objected to the content of the drawings. The Applicant believes that the basis for this objection is that the Examiner initially believed that the drawings did not show multiple pressure rollers. However, as indicated in the "Interview Summary" contained hereinabove, the Applicant believes that the Examiner intends to withdraw this objection because the drawings do, in fact, show multiple pressure rollers. (E.g., elements 52, Fig. 5.)

1 Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the
2 drawings be withdrawn, and that the drawings be accepted by the Examiner.

3 Objection to the Title of the Invention:

4 The Examiner has indicated that the title of the invention is not descriptive and
5 that a new title is required, which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the
6 claims are directed.

7 As shown hereinabove, the Applicant has amended the specification to
8 change the title from "Methods and Apparatus for Increasing Image Gloss" to "Image
9 Fixing Means." The Applicant believes that this new title is clearly indicative of the
10 invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully
11 requests that the objection to the title of the invention be withdrawn and that the new
title be accepted and entered.

12 Claims Rejected Under 35 U.S.C. 102:

13 Claims 1, 6, 14, 27, and 31-36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as
14 being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,893,019 to Yoda et al. Additionally, claims 1, 6,
15 31, and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by
16 Japanese Publication 04-280280a by Kurotaka.

17 Claims 1, 6, 14, 27, and 31-36 have been canceled, and the rejections of
those claims are therefore moot.

19 Allowable Subject Matter:

20 The Examiner has indicated that claims 28-30 have been objected to as being
21 dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in
independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any
22 intervening claims.

23 The Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability,
24 without necessarily agreeing with, or acquiescing in, the Examiner's reasoning. In
particular, the Applicant believes that the claims are allowable because the prior art
fails to teach, anticipate, or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of
25 how the invention is paraphrased.



~~Claim 28~~ has been amended as indicated hereinabove so that claims 28-30 now in independent form. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that objection to claims 28-30 be withdrawn and that claims 28-30 be allowed.

SUMMARY

The Applicant believes this response constitutes a full and complete reply to the Office action mailed 07/20/2005. The Applicant further believes that claims 28-30 are in allowable form, and that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below-signed attorney if the Examiner believes this will facilitate prosecution toward allowance of the claims.

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